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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner please reconsider and withdraw the finality of the Office Action dated October 21, 1997. In this regard, Applicant believes that the final rejection is premature for the reasons given below.

Specifically, MPEP § 706.07(a) provides:

"Under present practice, second or any subsequent actions on the

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merits shall be final, except where the examiner introduces a new ground of rejection that is neither necessitated by applicant's amendment of the claims nor based on information submitted in an information disclosure statement filed during the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.97(c) with the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). [Emphasis added.]"

Although the final rejection ends with the statement that Applicant's amendment of July 1, 1997, necessitated the new grounds of rejection in the final rejection, the fact is that it did not. Therefore, the final rejection should have been issued as a non-final action, and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the finality of that Office Action.

Further on this point, claim 7 was <u>not</u> amended in the amendment of July 1, 1997, but is rejected for the first time under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter not supported by an enabling disclosure. It is true that claim 7 is dependent on claim 1, and claim 1 <u>was</u> amended. However, the rejection clearly did not arise from any amendments made to claim 1 since claim 1 was not rejected. Further, this is also clear from the body of the rejection, which pertains to the claimed feature of the second exposed portion in the package being developed, which is a feature that is <u>not</u> in claim 1, but has been in claim 7 since its original filing. Respectfully, there is no possible way that Applicant's amendment of July 1, 1997, necessitated the new ground of rejection against claim 7.

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Further, Applicant's amendment also did not necessitate the new prior art rejections. These rejections would have been equally applicable to the previous claims and, therefore, obviously did not arise out of necessity because of Applicant's amendment. Applicant's amendment only removed statements of intended use, which the Examiner wasn't giving any weight any way. Those amendments did not substantively change the scope of the amended claims in any significant respect. Accordingly, there also is no possible way that Applicant's amendment of July 1, 1997, necessitated the new prior art rejections.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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